

16 July 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the Director, Colonel Grogan

SUBJECT: Fund for the Republic Committee

Your memorandum of 15 July notes the Fund for the Republic is going to examine the impact of the Government's defense policies on individual freedoms. At first glance this would seem to be directed entirely at internal U. S. problems, and the techniques for controlling espionage and sabotage refer to activities directed against the U. S. Consequently, as we are prohibited by law from exercising and do not exercise any police, subpoena, or internal security functions, I should think our basic position would be that the activities of this Agency do not come within the purview of the Fund's examination.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum is for information only:
2. Attention is invited to the clipping in today's clipping book, "Defense Policies' Impact on Rights to be Studied".
3. The Fund for the Republic announces it will undertake an "extensive examination" of the impact of the Government's defense policies on individual freedoms. A list of the Committee members is contained in the DAILY MORNING story, "'Fund' to Probe Effect of War Work on Liberty".
4. One of the three fields to be covered by this study will be, "measures developed to control sedition and subversion, and techniques for controlling espionage and sabotage, such as the 'great enlargement' of governmental secrecy and the development of intelligence and counter-intelligence agencies." A special committee of ten consultants supervises the program. The Chairman of this group is Dr. Isidor I. Rabi, Nobel-Prize winning physicist and chairman of the General Advisory Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission.
5. Walter Willis, a former editor of the NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, as well as an historian and commentator on military affairs, will have administrative responsibility for the project. The other consultants are:
  - 1) Adolf A. Berle, Jr., professor of corporation law, Columbia University.
  - 2) Scott Buchanan, professor of philosophy and author, University of California.
  - 3) Eugene Burdick, assistant professor of political science, University of California.
  - 4) Eric Goldman, professor of history, Princeton University.
  - 5) Clark Kerr, chancellor of the University of California.
  - 6) Henry B. Luce, editor-in-chief and publisher of TIME, LIFE, and FORTUNE.

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- 7) John Courtney Murray, S.J., professor of theology, Woodstock College, Maryland.
- 8) Reinhold Niebuhr, vice-president of the Union Theological Seminary.
- 9) Robert Redfield, professor of anthropology, University of Chicago.

6. Liason between the Board of Directors of the Fund for the Republic and this common defense project will be handled by Charles W. Cole, president of Amherst College; and former Senator Herbert H. Lehman; and Jubal R. Parton, president of Woodley Petroleum Company, Houston, Texas.

7. It is obvious that this group will have to contact CIA and the intelligence communities in general in order to carry out its project.

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## Defense Policies' Impact On Rights to Be Studied

N. Y. Herald Tribune News Service

NEW YORK, July 14—The military manpower system, including the draft and reserve laws; measures developed to undertake an "extensive examination" of the impact of the Government's defense policies on individual freedoms.

Named to supervise the study was Dr. Isador I. Rabi, the Nobel prize-winning physicist who is chairman of the General Advisory Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission. Walter Millis, historian and military affairs analyst will have administrative responsibility for the project.

Three specific fields will be covered by the study: The military manpower system, including the draft and reserve laws; measures developed to control sedition and subversion, and techniques for controlling espionage and sabotage, such as the "great enlargement" of governmental secrecy and the development of intelligence and counter-intelligence agencies.

The project is the third announced thus far under the "Fund's "basic issues" program, the others being studies of the corporation and the labor union as they effect individual freedoms. A special committee of 10 consultants has been established to supervise the program.